

ACTION AGENDA

April 25, 2011

Worksession
Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting

WORKSESSION AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. Water and Sewer Rates

4. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There was one who commented.

5. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 4:50 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:00 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL (Only those matters on the noticed agenda may be considered, pursuant to City Council's Operating Manual, pg. 5)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

3. Clarence Hughes and Rod Castelda, U.S. Bank

Clarence Hughes and Rod Castelda summarized the City's Permanent Fund investment with U.S. Bank.

4. REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

5. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were two who commented.

6. ADJOURNMENT NO LATER THAN 5:50 P.M.

Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Session 11-14 a Regular Meeting of the Homer City Council was called to order on April 25, 2011 at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor James C. Hornaday at the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HOGAN, HOWARD, LEWIS, ROBERTS,
WYTHE, ZAK

STAFF: CITY CLERK JOHNSON
CITY MANAGER WREDE
FINANCE DIRECTOR MAURAS
PORT AND HARBOR DIRECTOR HAWKINS
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MEYER

Department Heads may be called upon from time to time to participate via teleconference.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

(Addition of items to or removing items from the agenda will be by unanimous consent of the Council. HCC 1.24.040.)

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council with the following changes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Letter from Homer Chamber of Commerce;
PUBLIC HEARINGS: Kachemak Drive Phase Two Water and Sewer Improvement/Assessment District, written comments.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

There were two who commented.

4. RECONSIDERATION

5. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Meeting Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.)

- A. Homer City Council unapproved Regular Meeting minutes of April 11, 2011. City Clerk. Recommend adoption.
- B. **Memorandum 11-056**, from Deputy City Clerk, Re: New Liquor License for Two Sisters Bakery.
- C. **Memorandum 11-057**, from Mayor, Re: Appointments of Monica Cogger, Tamara Fletcher, and Kenneth Schroeder to the Library Advisory Board and Reappointment of Steve Smith to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

APPROVED without discussion.

6. VISITORS

- A. **Clarence Hughes and Rod Castelda, U.S. Bank**, 10 minutes.

Rod Castelda and Clarence Hughes of U.S. Bank provided a summary of the City's Permanent Fund.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/BOROUGH REPORT/COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. **Mayor's Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week – May 1 – 7, 2011**

Mayor Hornaday read the proclamation.

- B. **Mayor's Proclamation – Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15 and National Police Week May 15 – 21, 2011**

Mayor Hornaday read the proclamation.

- C. Thank you letters from Cook Inletkeeper and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies
- D. Letter from Homer Chamber of Commerce, re: *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*
- E. Borough Report

Bill Smith, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assemblyman, reported the Assembly's last meeting was in Seward. The assistant to the city manager is intent on making Seward the *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*. If Homer wants to prevail they need to keep voting. The Assembly will be presented

the budget at next week's meeting. There are sentiments of the Assembly to both fund and not fund the Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council (KPTMC). For the last two years the Borough has allocated \$300,000 to the KPTMC. They are now floating a proposal for a 1% sales tax on visitor industry related business. The tax change would cost the Borough \$85,000 to implement and would be confusing for businesses to follow. It may not pass muster with the State of Alaska. The KPTMC wants to see dedicated funding. The counter idea is to approach voters with a .10% sales tax dedicated to business support throughout the borough. It would include the Economic Development District, KPTMC, and other enterprises.

As to the gas line, Assemblyman Smith received a call from Representative Seaton on the energy numbers he put together. He is trying to get a forecast on all public facilities from what they are paying now for fuel oil as to what they would pay with natural gas. So far the savings are over \$1M for public facilities in Homer. Now is the time to write to Governor Parnell and Lieutenant Governor Treadwell to support the gas line to Homer. It is a good investment for the State with less than a 10-year payback.

There is an effort in the borough from various folks to help Japan through the Borough's Sister City Akita. Funds will be used to help the east coast residents of Japan. Contributions may be sent to Bridges, P.O. Box 1612, Soldotna, AK 99669, payable to Akita Sister City Earthquake. For more information call Bill Smith at 235-8932.

Councilmember Zak asked about funding for the borough landfill and what Council can do to help. Assemblyman Smith answered Representative Chenault has reassured the Borough he is looking out for the building of the solid waste handling facility in Soldotna.

F. Commissions/Board Reports:

1. Library Advisory Board
2. Homer Advisory Planning Commission

Sharon Minsch, Planning Commission Chair, reminded Council and the large listening audience of the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The commission did not have opportunity to provide written input on Resolution 11-042. She asked that stronger language to do no harm to Homer be included in the resolution.

3. Economic Development Advisory Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
5. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission

Bob Hartley, Port and Harbor Advisory Commissioner, reported the passage of Resolutions 11-036(A) and 11-040 is of vital importance to allow the Harbormaster to implement the permits and signage. It will allow for advertising and installation of signage that should take place before Memorial Day weekend. Resolution 11-041 standardizes ground leases. Each lease will be

different, but the document allows for a starting point. It too is time sensitive as there are leases waiting to be issued.

Mayor Hornaday read the letter from the Chamber of Commerce on the search for the *Ultimate Fishing Town USA*. The Mayor encouraged everyone to vote for Homer by visiting the website at: www.homeralaska.org or from Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VisitHomer.

8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

A. Kachemak Drive Phase Two Water and Sewer Improvement/Assessment District

There were five who testified.

- B. **Ordinance 11-13(A)**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$15,000 from the Port and Harbor Reserve Account for the Purpose of Implementing the Long Term Parking Permit Plan and for New Signage at the Approach Ramps. City Manager. Introduction April 11, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading April 25, 2011.

There was no public testimony.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- C. **Resolution 11-040**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600 to Provide for Parking Fees. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director.

There was no public testimony.

(Heard under Resolutions)

9. ORDINANCE(S)

- A. **Ordinance 11-14**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Accepting and Appropriating a Rasmuson Foundation Grant of \$15,000 for Collection Development for the Homer Public Library and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Manager. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- B. **Ordinance 11-15**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending Homer City Code 10.04.100, Vehicles and Other Wheeled Conveyances; and Homer City Code 10.04.110, Violation--Penalty; Regarding the Regulation of Parking in the Harbor Area. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- C. **Ordinance 11-16**, An Ordinance of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the FY 2011 Operating Budget by Appropriating \$20,000 from the Fund Balance of the General Fund to Purchase a Used Allman Light Tower and a Used Dynapac Diesel Plate. City Manager/Public Works Director. Recommended dates: Introduction April 25, 2011, Public Hearing and Second Reading May 9, 2011.

AMENDED to delete General Fund and replace with Water/Sewer Fund.

ADOPTED as AMENDED with discussion.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wrede passed out emails from Representative Seaton and maps from the Alaska Redistricting Board for Option 1 – District 35 and Option 2 – District 36. In addition to the two options from the Alaska Redistricting Board, there are private options from the Bush Caucus, City of Valdez, and Bristol Bay Borough. Those maps significantly change House District 35 and Senate District R. There are web links in emails received from Representative Seaton for good information. The big difference for Homer is we are no longer linked with Seward. Instead of Seward we go further up the road towards Clam Gulch and Ninilchik. If Council wants to get involved they are looking for input. There is a public hearing on May 3 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. in Cowles Council Chambers.

Mayor Hornaday commented there may be many lawsuits in Alaska. Administration should ask Senator Stevens and Representative Seaton to give specific recommendations and then follow up on it. Redistricting comes up every 10 years and it is a terrible fight. Southeast Alaska and the bush areas are losing. It may have something to do with the budget in Juneau.

City Manager Wrede informed Council there is no report from the lobbyist, as there is nothing new to report. The lobbyists will be here on May 9th.

Mayor Carey is inviting participation in a borough-wide conference on healthcare. Mayor Hornaday would like to see staff there to represent the City.

City Manager Wrede paid tribute to Sheri Hobbs, Personnel Director, and Helen Hill, Library Director, who are leaving their employment with the City. It has been a joy to work with them. They are both professionals and have done an outstanding job for the City of Homer. The long awaited parity study is in the packet and Council will decide how they wish to proceed.

Mayor Hornaday commented Mr. Faulkner made reference to the comparison of government packages with private employer packages. The Mayor comes from both sides, as a Tier One retired employee and he also ran five businesses. City Manager Wrede clarified the focus was

not to compare the city's employees with the private sector. Personnel policies say the parity study compares the City to other cities, since other municipalities are the competitors.

Councilmember Howard added the South Peninsula Hospital is a private facility; none of the operating funds are tax supported. They are a non profit and are unionized. Citizens pay tax money for capital improvements, but do not pay for the operations.

Councilmember Lewis asked for the breakdown of costs per each job description with benefits and salary combined.

Councilmember Hogan asked why it is taking so long to get the streets swept. City Manager Wrede answered Public Works crews have been really busy. They have been working on the streets with a front end loader. Until recently the weather has been mixed, making for plowing, sanding, and thawing culverts.

Mayor Hornaday referenced Mayor Carey's letter regarding the FCC narrow band mandate. City Manager Wrede will present a resolution in support at the next meeting.

B. Bid Report

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Arts Committee

B. Transportation Advisory Committee

C. Permanent Fund Committee

D. Lease Committee

E. City Hall Renovation and Expansion Task Force

13. PENDING BUSINESS

A. **Resolution 11-036(A)**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Fee Schedule to Provide for Long Term Parking Permit Fees. City Manager.

Memorandum 11-059 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

ADOPTED as AMENDED with discussion.

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 11-040**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Amending the Port of Homer Terminal Tariff No. 600 to Provide for Parking Fees. City Manager/Port and Harbor Director.

Memorandum 11-062 from City Clerk as backup.

ADOPTED as AMENDED with discussion.

- B. **Resolution 11-041**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Approving and Adopting a New, Amended Standard Ground Lease Document, and Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Homer Property Management Policy and Procedures Manual to Conform to the Amended Standard Ground Lease Document. City Manager/Lease Committee.

Memorandum 11-060 from Lease Committee Staff as backup.

Memorandum 11-058 from City Manager to Lease Committee as backup.

POSTPONED to May 24, 2011. Worksession scheduled for May 9, 2011.

- C. **Resolution 11-042**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Expressing Opposition to Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2011-07 Which Reduces the Number of Borough Planning Commission Members from Thirteen to Eleven and Combines the Designated Homer and Seldovia Seats into One. City Manager.

ADOPTED without discussion.

- D. **Resolution 11-043**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Issue a Set of Requests for Proposals for Five Year Term Contracts for Engineering Services. City Manager/Public Works Director. Page 315

ADOPTED with discussion.

- E. **Resolution 11-044**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for a 2011 Ford Escape Hybrid in the Amount of \$30,722.00 to Kendall Ford of Wasilla, Alaska, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

Memorandum 11-061 from Port and Harbor Director as backup.

ADOPTED with discussion.

- F. **Resolution 11-045**, A Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska, Awarding the Contract for the Deep Water Dock Security Gate and Camera Systems Project to _____ of _____, _____ in the Amount of \$ _____ and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Appropriate Documents. City Clerk.

FAILED.

16. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were four who commented.

17. COMMENTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Klinkner was not present.

18. COMMENTS OF THE CITY CLERK

City Clerk Johnson had no comment.

19. COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Wrede had no comment.

20. COMMENTS OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Hornaday commented he heard the Sandhill Cranes this morning. Spring his here!

21. COMMENTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Wythe thanked the U.S. Bank folks for coming. She is happy the fund is creating revenue. She appreciates the city clerks and peace officers. The clerks put up with a lot of rhetoric so Council does not have to. She thanked Helen Hill and Sheri Hobbs for their years of service and wished them well. As to the parity study and lack of public participation, Walt stated it was not in the personnel policies that we are looking for non city entities to participate. The City does invite other members of the community to participate in the parity study, although there are not many good fits and not many organizations are interested in sharing information. The City cannot compel people to participate in those surveys.

Councilmember Lewis thanked Sheri and Helen for their years of service.

Mayor Hornaday thanked Sheri and Helen.

Councilmember Zak thanked Assemblyman Smith for the report and coming up with the new numbers of \$1M savings a year with the \$10M request for the gas line. It is good to know Representative Seaton and Senator Stevens have packaging going on to save the veto. On the Borough transfer site, the House Finance Committee is the contact. Being an optimist, Councilmember Zak hopes to see the gas line and transfer site funded as they are both critical to the future. People can get involved and send a letter to Representative Seaton, Senator Stevens, and Governor Parnell.

Councilmembers Hogan and Howard had no comment.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hornaday adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The next Committee of the Whole is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. All meetings scheduled to be held in the Homer City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.